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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVED TAPE HEAD	)	Date: December 3, 2003
AIR BEARING SURFACE EDGE QUALITY	)	
AND SCREENING THE SAME	)	
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